

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stephenville, Texas

September 21, 2020

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, September 21, 2020 with the following members present:

President Dr. Ann Calahan  
Vice President Dr. Ed Dittfurth  
Mrs. Sherrie Evans

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Scott E. Osman  
Mr. Cole Gilliam Parks

Member Absent: Mrs. Keri Vanden Berge

Superintendent Dr. Matt Underwood, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Teri Hodges, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Daresa Rhine, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mrs. Jody Fain, Ms. Alexis Davis, Ms. Jaclyn Muro, Ms. Janette Needham, Mrs. Michelle Stilwell, Ms. Courtney Bates, Mrs. Michele Ponder, Mrs. Kim Singleton, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mr. Shelby Womack, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Mr. Josh Cogburn with Huckabee and Associates, Ms. Ashley Inge, reporter with the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, ICI Construction Mr. Richard Quintal, Sr. Project Manager, and Mr. Jordan Williams, Assistant Project Manager and approximately 5 guests.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by SHS student Ryan Hess.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by SHS student Molly Orr.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Calahan called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Proclamations and Recognitions

The following student and employees were recognized:

Paxton Ables – Hook Elementary (CORE VALUE: Initiative)  
Jody Fain – Central Elementary Nurse (CORE VALUE: Excellence)  
Alexis Davis – Chamberlin Elementary Nurse (CORE VALUE: Excellence)  
Jaclyn Muro – Hook Elementary Nurse (CORE VALUE: Excellence)

Janette Needham – Gilbert Intermediate Nurse (CORE VALUE: Excellence)  
Shelly Burns – Henderson Jr. High – Nurse Aide (CORE VALUE: Excellence)  
Courtney Bates – Stephenville High School – Nurse (CORE VALUE: Excellence)

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Dr. Dittfurth to approve the Consent Agenda including:

- Minutes: August 17, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: August 27, 2020 – Called Meeting
- Review Check Registry
- Review of additional vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

IV. 2018 Bond Program Update

Mr. Josh Cogburn with Huckabee and Associates presented an update on the 2018 Bond Program.

V. Approval of Order Authorizing the Defeasance and Redemption of a portion of Stephenville Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Order Authorizing and Defeasance and Redemption of a portion of Stephenville Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Report and Overview of Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate

Mrs. Teri Hodges presented the report and overview of the proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate for 2020-2021.

VII. Conducted required Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate

President Calahan opened the floor for the required public hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate for any patron wishing to speak. No one spoke. The hearing was closed.

VIII. Adoption of the 2020-2021 Tax Rate

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mrs. Evans to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$1.2221 (Maintenance and Operations: \$.09392 and Principal and Interest on Debts: \$0.2829) for the Stephenville Independent School District for 2020-2021.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

IX. Approval of Bid Request for Property Held in Trust

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the bid request for the following property Held in Trust: R32531, being Lot: 9B BLK 2; Miller Addition to the City of Stephenville.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

X. Approval of Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XI. Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waivers – Kindergarten 2 classes and Second grade 2 classes

The motion was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve if needed the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers – Kindergarten-2 classes and Second grade-2 classes.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XII. Title IX Regulations Update

Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Title IX Coordinator presented the new Title IX Regulations.

XIII. Approval of TASB LDU Policies (DIA Exhibit), FB (Exhibit), FFH (Exhibit)

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the TASB LDU Policies (DIA Exhibit), FB (Exhibit), FFH (Exhibit).

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Calahan, Dr. Dittfurth, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Barberee, and Mr. Parks.

The following member was not present in the room when the vote was taken: Mr. Osman.

The motion carried.

XIV. Approval of TASB Update 115

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve TASB Update 115.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XV. Heard Superintendent's Report

- CRF Funds from City/County
- COVID-19 Update
- TDA Free Lunch Assistance
- SSC
- TEA Approval of Asynchronous Plan

XVI. Closed Session

President Calahan announced to those present that the Board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 through and/or 551.086 (Approximately: 6:59 pm)

XVII. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session (Approximately: 7:27 pm)

XVIII. Personnel

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Osman to accept the following recommendations for resignation/retirement and employment by the Administration:

Resignation/Retirement

David Woods – Director of Transportation – SISD  
Effective: December 31, 2020 (Retirement)

Employment

Mona Little – Director of Child Nutrition – SISD  
Effective: September 9, 2020

XIX. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
President